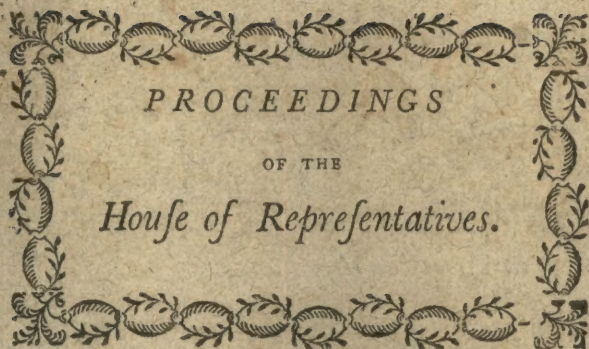


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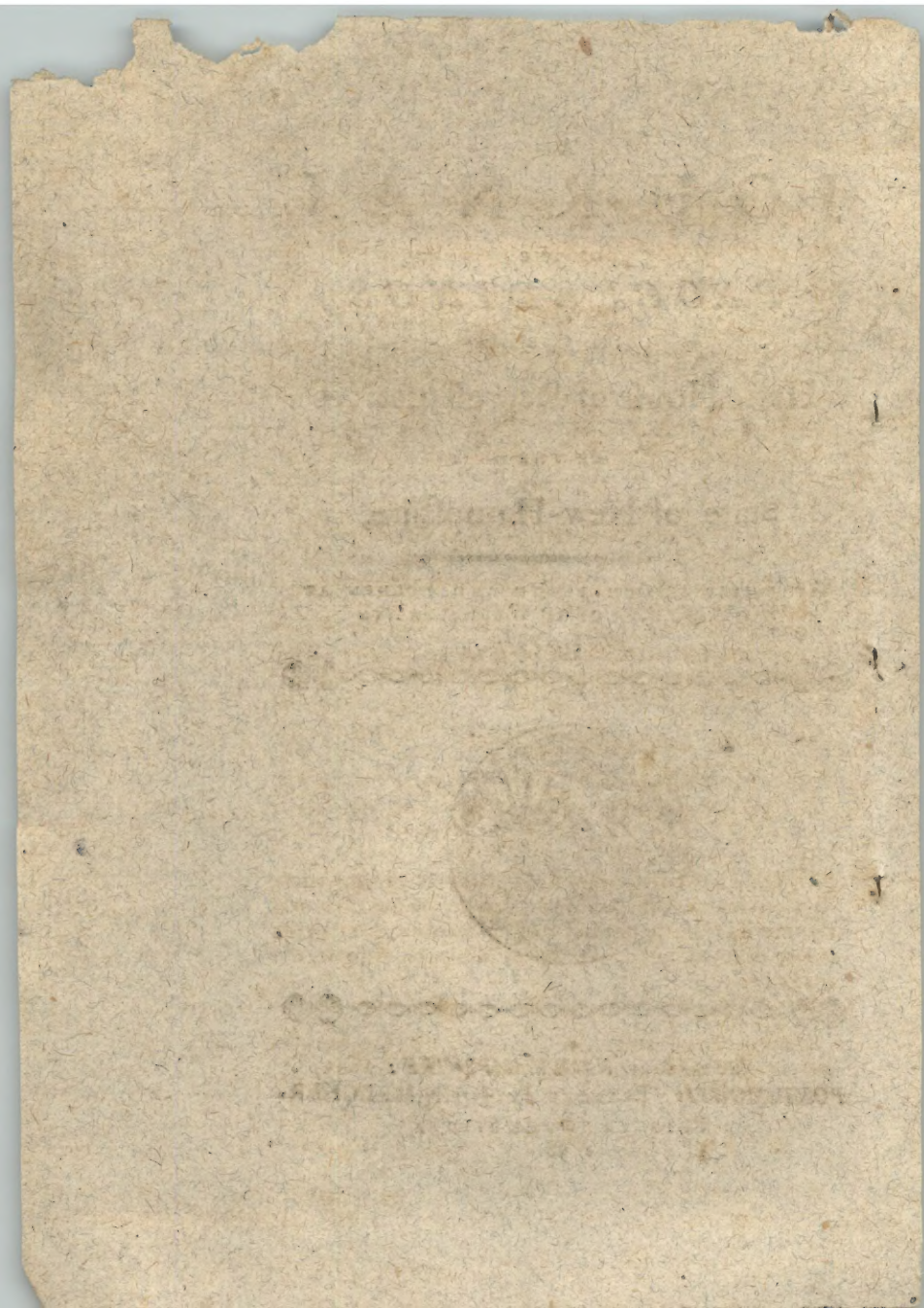
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OF THE
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AT THEIR SESSION BEGUN AND HOLDEN AT
HOPKINTON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY IN
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*The Honorable HOUSE of REPRESENTA-
TIVES for said State, at their Session begun
and holden at HOPKINTON, on the first
Wednesday in June, 1798.*

Wednesday, June 6, 1798.

UPWARDS of one hundred members met agreeably to the constitution, and after producing their credentials and taking the oath of office, proceeded to the choice of a chairman, and Oliver Whipple, Esquire was chosen.

Motion being made for the choice of a speaker, the ballots were taken, and John Prentice, Esquire was elected to said office.

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Motion was then made for the choice of a clerk, and the ballots being taken, John Calfe, Esquire was elected and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of said office.

Motion was then made for the choice of an assistant clerk, and Nathaniel Weare, Esquire was chosen and sworn in said office.

Information was given to the honorable Senate that the House was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The members of the honorable Senate elected by the people, and the House of Representatives being assembled in the Representatives chamber, were informed by the Secretary that Moses Leavitt, Esquire is elected a Senator for the first district ;—Jeremiah Fogg, Esquire for the second ;—Michael M'Clarey, Esquire for the fourth ;—William Hale, Esquire for the fifth ;—James Flanders, Esquire for the eighth ; and Moses Baker, Esquire for the twelfth.

That the candidates for the third district were Joseph Blanchard and John Bell, Esquires ;—for the sixth district were Nathan Hoit and Joseph Parsons, Esquires ;—for the seventh district were John Orr and Timothy Taylor, Esquires ;—for the ninth district were Ephraim Hartwell and John Duncan, Esquires ;—for the tenth district were Elisha Whitcomb and Daniel Newcomb, Esquires ;—and for the eleventh district were Amos Shepherd and Samuel Stevens, Esquires ; after which they proceeded by joint ballot and made choice of Joseph Blanchard, Esquire Senator for the third district ;—Nathan Hoit, Esquire for the sixth ;—John Orr, Esquire for the seventh ;—Ephraim Hartwell, Esquire for the

ninth ;

ninth ; Elisha Whitcomb, Esquire for the tenth, and Amos Shepherd, Esquire for the eleventh district.

The Secretary then lay before the convention the returns of votes for Governor and Counsellors. Proceeded to examine the votes returned for a Governor, and a list being made by the Secretary in the presence of both Houses, a committee was appointed consisting of five persons, viz. Mr. Fogg, Mr. Warner, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Clark and Mr. Flanders to re-examine the returns, compare them with the list, cast the same, and report thereon.

The convention then adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the Senate withdrew.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Isaac Waldron, Mr. Pierce, Mr. N. Parker and Mr. Blasdell be a committee to draught rules for the regulation of this House, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. White, Mr. Thompson, Mr. R. Parker, Mr. Hale and Mr. Curtis be a committee to examine the returns of the elections of the members of this House, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Bayley, Mr. Pierce, Mr. D. Emerson, Mr. Warner and Mr. Thompson be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to prepare an entertainment for the Reverend Gentlemen of the Clergy that may attend at this place to-morrow, and for such other gentlemen of distinction as they may think proper to invite, and that said committee determine on the etiquette of procedure on said day, and report thereon.

Voted

Voted that the evidence of the election of Robert M^r. Gregore, Esquire, as Representative for Goffstown, and of Joseph Parsons, Esquire for Rye, are fully satisfactory to this House.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, June 7, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Bayley, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Whipple be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the honorable Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on Mr. Joshua Heywood and desire him to attend and officiate as chaplain to the General Court the present session.

The Senate and House being convened in the Representatives chamber, the committee appointed to re-examine the votes for Governor; reported that they have attended to that business and find the returns as follows, viz. for his Excellency John Taylor Gilman, Esq. 9397; Oliver Peabody, Esq. 1189;—Timothy Walker, Esq. 734;—John Langdon, Esq. 364;—Simeon Olcott, Esq. 146;—Michael M^r Clarey, Esq. 114;—Jeremiah Smith, Esq. 52;—Benjamin Bellows, Esq. 50;—Samuel Livermore, Esq. 33;—John Goddard, Esq. 29;—Scattering votes 45—Total 12153—6077 making a choice.—His Excellency John Taylor Gilman having nine thousand three hundred and ninety-seven is elected Governor which report was accepted.

The convention then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the Senate withdrew.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Met

Met accordingly.

Voted that Mr. Crawford, Mr. Gilman, and Mr. D. Emerson be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to wait on the Rev. Mr. Gray, and present him with the thanks of the Legislature, for his ingenious and patriotic discourse delivered this day before the legislature, and desire of him the favor of a copy for the press.

Voted that Mr. Crawford, Mr. Gilman, and Mr. D. Emerson be a committee on the part of this House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to procure five hundred printed copies of the election sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Gray, and that they present Mr. Gray with fifty of said copies, and that the remainder be laid before the legislature.

The committee appointed to prepare rules for the regulation and government of the House, reported the following, viz.

1st. That each Member shall seasonably and punctually attend his duty in the House.

2d. When the House adjourn, each member shall keep his seat until the speaker goes out.

3d. The speaker shall preserve decorum and order in the House, and may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House.

4th. The speaker shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

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5th. When a member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall arise from his seat and respectfully address the Speaker.

6th. If any member in speaking, or otherwise transgress the rules of the House, the speaker shall, or any other member may call him to order, in which case, the member so called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the House if appealed to shall decide the case, but without debate, but if there be no appeal, the decision of the speaker shall be submitted to.

7th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the House, nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

8th. When the speaker is putting a question, each member shall keep his seat until the question is decided, nor shall any one when a member is speaking pass between him and the speaker.

9th. Every member who is in the House when any question is put, if he hath heard the debate, shall vote thereon, unless excused by the House.

10th. No debate shall be allowed on any motion until the same shall be seconded, and any motion shall be reduced to writing and divided if any member desire it.

11th. A motion may be withdrawn at any time before it be divided or amended, and a motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and when a motion is regularly before the House no new motion shall be received, unless to postpone, amend, or commit, and no new one shall be admitted under colour of amendment, as a substitute of the motion under debate.

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12th. No person but members of the House, or its officers shall be admitted within the bar, except parties, their counsel and witnesses while their causes are in hearing, unless upon the invitation of the speaker.

13th. No bill shall be introduced but by motion for leave or by order of the House on the report of a committee, and shall not pass to be enacted until the same shall be read three times, the first reading shall be for information, and if no opposition shall be made, or the question to reject the bill negatived, a time shall be assigned for a second reading. And no bill shall be read a third time till an adjournment of at least one hour take place after the second reading.

14th. Before any bill, resolve or vote shall be sent to the Senate the speaker shall read the vote, resolve or title of the bill, and a bill shall not be sent up by less than two members of the House, and all votes and resolves that are necessary to be carried to the Senate for their concurrence, shall be sent by the assistant clerk.

15th. No bill, resolve or vote shall be re-considered when there is a less number of members in the House than there was at passing the same.

16th. No member shall be compelled to serve on a committee, being at the same time of two other committees who have not reported, nor shall any person nominate more than one person for the same committee, provided the person so nominated shall be chosen, nor shall any member after having been himself chosen, nominate one for the same committee.

17th. No petition shall be received by the House unless it be presented by a member thereof, and upon motion made for that purpose.

18th.

18th. The journal of the preceding day shall be read every morning previous to entering upon new business.

19th. No member of the House shall either directly or indirectly take any fee or reward for bringing forward or supporting any petition or motion before the legislature or either branch of the same, or committee thereof, and by receiving the same or accepting any promise or compensation therefor, he shall forfeit his seat in the House.

20th. All committees shall consist of three members, unless motion is made for a different number, which report was accepted.

Motion was then made that there be an additional rule in the following words: "That the nomination of all committees raised in this House shall be made by the speaker unless otherwise specially directed by the House, which motion prevailed, and the rule adopted and established."

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, June 8, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Whipple, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Warner, Mr. N. Parker and Mr. Blasdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to examine and report what business was left unfinished at the last session that
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is now necessary to be taken up and acted upon, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Pierce, Mr. Abbott, Mr. White, Mr. Barrett and Mr. Young be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to inform his Excellency John Taylor Gilman of his election to the office of Chief Magistrate of New-Hampshire for the current year.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. R. Parker and Mr. Crawford be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Ebenezer Eaton and others, inhabitants of Landaff, praying for liberty to raise a tax of *three cents* per acre on the lands of residents and non-residents for making, altering and repairing highways, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Kimball and Mr. French be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Ephraim Root and Phebe Root, respecting the pay of her late husband Andrew Colburne, deceased, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Sparhawk and Mr. Eames be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Wendall respecting a demand that the State has against them for deficiency of soldiers, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Alcock and Mr. Thordike be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of the inhabitants of Sullivan, respecting
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sending a Representative to the General Court, and report thereon.

The Senate and House being convened in the Representatives chamber agreeably to adjournment, proceeded to examine the returns of votes for Counsellors, and after examining the returns, and a list being formed by the Secretary in the presence of both Houses, a committee consisting of Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Frink, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Fogg were appointed to re-examine said returns, compare them with the list, cast the same, and report thereon.

The convention then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the Senate withdrew.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Moore, be a committee on the part of the House to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Elizabeth Turner and others, respecting a deed, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Porter, and Mr. Hale, be a committee on the part of this House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to consider of the petition of Samuel Gibson and others, respecting fishing at the mouth of Naticook brook, and report thereon.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the inhabitants of Ossipee, praying that the time for holding their annual meeting, may be altered from the third Monday in March, to the first Monday in said month. Voted that the prayer thereof be granted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met

Met accordingly.

Voted that in consequence of certain expressions used by Mr. Heywood, in his prayer in the house, and his omitting to pray for the President and Congress of the United States, this day—that this House do not wish any further services from him as chaplain—and that the assistant clerk be directed to furnish him with a copy hereof.

Voted that Mr. Carr, Mr. Isaac Waldron, and Mr. N. Clough be a committee on the part of the House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Samuel Furber, and others, inhabitants of Rochester, praying for an incorporation as a distinct town, with town privileges, &c. and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Eames, Mr. Carlton and Mr. Gerrish be a committee on the part of this House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to consider of the petition of Salah Howe, praying for the privilege of a ferry across Connecticut river from Littleton to Waterford, and report thereon.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Saturday, June 9, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Thompson, Mr. M'Gregore, Mr. N. Parker & Mr. Blafdel be a committee

mittee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to take under consideration the Limitation Act and report such alterations and amendments as they shall think necessary.

Voted that Mr. Stevens, Mr. Connor, Mr. Moore, Mr. R. Parker, and Mr. N. White be a committee on the part of this House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to consider of the petition of the proprietors of Marlow, also the petition of the inhabitants of Marlow and report thereon.

The Senate and House being convened in the Representatives chamber agreeably to adjournment—The committee for re-examining and casting the votes for counsellors reported that the whole number of votes in the county of Rockingham, were 2325—1163 making a choice. The Honorable Joseph Cilley, Esq. having 1423 is chosen.

County of Strafford.

The whole number of votes, 2413—1207 making a choice. The Hon. Aaron Wingate, Esq. having 1712 is chosen.

County of Hillsborough.

The whole number of votes 2185—1093 making a choice. The Hon. Robert Wallace, Esq. having 1921, is chosen.

County of Cheshire.

The whole number of votes 1848—925 making a choice of which the Hon. Thomas Bellows has 803. The Hon. Daniel Newcomb 561—they having the highest numbers are candidates.

County

County of Grafton.

The whole number of votes, 1326—664 making a choice. The Hon. Russell Freeman, Esq. having 959 is chosen. *Signed, Joseph Blanchard, for the committee*—which report was accepted.

Proceeded by joint ballot and made choice of the Hon. Thomas Bellows, Esq. counsellor for the county of Cheshire.

Proceeded to the choice of a Secretary and the ballots being taken; Joseph Pearson, Esq. was elected to said office.

Proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer, and the ballots being taken, Oliver Peabody, Esq. was elected to that office.

Proceeded to the choice of a Commissary-General, and the ballots being taken, George Gains, Esq. was elected to said office.

The convention then adjourned to Monday next, at 4 o'clock, P. M. and the Senate withdrew.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Bettan, and Mr. Joseph Clark be a committee on the part of this House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to inform Joseph Pearson, Esq. of his election to the office of Secretary and Oliver Peabody, Esq. of his election to the office of Treasurer, and if they accept to receive from them bonds for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices and lay the same before this house.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Carr, Mr. Connor,
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Mr. Storey, and Mr. Pickering be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint to inform the Governor elect, that both branches of the legislature, are now organized and ready to receive such communications as he may be pleased to make when convenient for him.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 11, 1798.

The house met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. A. Moody be a committee on the part of this House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to consider of the petition of the Representatives of the county of Grafton, respecting a county tax and report thereon.

Upon reading and considering the petition of the inhabitants of Raby praying that the town may be called Brookline in future, Voted that the prayer thereof be granted and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Voted that Mr. Blafdel, Mr. N. White, and Mr. Weeks, be a committee on the part of the House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Nathaniel Hubbard Dodge, respecting an appeal from the decree of the Judge of Probate, &c. and report thereon.

Voted

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Langdon, and Mr. R. Duncan be a committee on the part of this House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to consider of the petition of Ann Stewart, respecting a conveyance of lands, and report thereon.

The committee to inform the Governor elect, having reported, Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Carr, Mr. Connor, Mr. Storey, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Frink, Mr. Jonathan Clark and Mr. True be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to wait on the Governor elect, at five o'clock this afternoon, and escort him to the Representatives chamber.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Young, Mr. Warner, Mr. Moore and Mr. Crawford be a committee to consider of a bill to enable the proprietors of social libraries to manage the same and report thereon.

The Senate and House being assembled in the Representatives Chamber, John Taylor Gilman, Esq. governor elect came in escorted by the committee appointed for that purpose and attended by the Hon. Council, and after manifesting his acceptance of the office of first Magistrate, he took and subscribed the oath of office, which was administered by the Hon. Amos Shepherd, President of the Senate, and the said President declared, the said John Taylor Gilman, Esq. Governor of the State of New-Hampshire.

His Excellency the Governor then addressed the Legislature in the following words :

Fellow

Fellow citizens of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives.

On this annual meeting of the legislature it affords me much pleasure that I can with propriety congratulate you on the union and Harmony so generally prevailing throughout the State.

But while this affords great satisfaction, and will be a strong resource in any events, the circumstances of our national affairs appear alarming in a high degree. When I was first honored with an appointment to the office I now hold, the conduct of a foreign nation towards our own was such as to induce an apprehension that a resort to arms might become unavoidably necessary. In the answer of the legislature to my address at that time will be found the sentiments which then prevailed in this State. The government of the United States ardently desirous of peace, attempted, and finally accomplished a treaty by which existing difficulties were adjusted, and war avoided.

Since that period another foreign nation with whom we were more particularly connected by treaties, and whose prosperity and happiness was desired by almost every citizen of the United States, has committed violent depredations on our navigation and commerce. Its agents and some of its citizens who have been heretofore treated with much indulgence and attention in our country have insulted the government, and endeavoured to make a separation between it and the people by exciting suspicions and jealousies as to the views and measures of those who have been appointed to administer it.

Still desirous of peace and harmony an attempt was made for accommodation by sending a worthy minister to that country, he was not received; two other persons.

sons highly respectable for abilities and integrity have been joined with him, and by the last information they were not received or acknowledged. The instructions given those commissioners exhibit in the clearest and fullest manner, an earnest desire for adjusting existing difficulties, for preserving peace, and restoring harmony between the two nations—but as these instructions and the communications from the commissioners have been made public it is not necessary for me to be more particular.

What consequences may flow from the present state of things, cannot be fully foreseen, but enough is already known to induce us to place ourselves in the best possible state of preparation for guarding and defending our rights and privileges.

Although it appertains to the general government to determine proper measures to be pursued, yet it appears highly probable that the aid and exertions of each State in particular, may be indispensably necessary. In circumstances so critical the state of our finances, and of our militia, are highly important. The state of the Treasury will be before you. The Militia are in general in as good order as could be expected under existing circumstances; in many instances great and highly patriotic exertion have been made—they are not so well armed as could be wished, and some artillery companies might be very useful in case they could be supplied with proper field pieces.

The harbour of Portsmouth, is far from being in a proper state of defence—what measures may be taken by the United States, as it respects the fortrefs and territory ceded to them, I cannot say, but there are other places in the harbour which are well situated for defense if proper provision was made therefor.

The act entitled "An Act for the limitation of actions and for the preventing vexatious suits" will be in operation in September next, as it respects certain actions of debt and others, if not further extended by the legislature. Apprehending it may compel many persons to commence actions that otherwise would not, is my inducement for mentioning this subject.

Such acts and resolves as you may think proper to pass will meet my particular attention, and it will be my constant endeavour to promote the union, harmony, peace and prosperity of the people who have so repeatedly placed confidence in me, by their free suffrages to the office I now have the honor to hold.

JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN.

State of New-Hampshire, June 11, 1798.

His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Council then withdrew.

The Senate and House being convened in the Representatives chamber agreeably to adjournment, agreed to adjourn until to-morrow at 4 o'clock, P. M. and the Senate withdrew.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. N. White, Mr. Moore, Mr. N. Parker and Mr. Blasdell be a committee to draught an answer to his Excellency's address, and lay the same before this House.

Voted that Mr. Isaac Waldron, Mr. R. Parker and Mr. T. Leavitt be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to re-

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port what public business is necessary to be taken up, acted upon and done at this session.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, June 12, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Josiah Brown be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Israel Marden and others, inhabitants of Allentown, and John Cochran and others, inhabitants of Pembroke, praying that, that part of Pembroke which was taken from Allentown and incorporated with Pembroke, may be disannexed from said Pembroke, and annexed to said Allentown, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Pinkerton and Mr. Tibbetts be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Richard Kimball and others, inhabitants of Salem, praying for the incorporation of a Baptist Society, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Gerriſh, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Blasdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report their opinion on the best ways and means for laying out into townships the unlocated lands in this State, in order for a more regular disposal of the same.

Voted

Voted that Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Wallace, Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. S. Smith and Mr. Mooney be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Abraham Taylor and others, respecting some of the unlocated lands in this State, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Moore, Mr. Abbott and Mr. John Smith be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Springfield, respecting the public lots of land in said town, having been sold as lands belonging to the late Governor Wentworth, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. Betton and Mr. Blaf-dell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to consider of the petition of Jennet Brown, respecting land she bought of John Quigly, which have since been sold by the State, as land belonging to Stephen Holland, an absentee, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Drowne, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Willard be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report in what manner the two hundred copies of Turnbull's description of the Philadelphia prison shall be distributed.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the petitions from Concord, Landaff, &c. and from Campton, Thornton, and

Peeling,

Peeling, voted that the prayer thereof be so far granted as that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for raising three cents per acre instead of four cents petitioned for.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Solomon Bufwell and others, praying for an incorporation as a Baptist society in Northwood, motion was made that the paper of said petition be granted, on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

YEAS,

Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Drowne,
Mr. N. White,
Mr. W. White,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Weeks,
Mr. Parsons,
Mr. T. Leavitt.
Mr. Whipple,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Barnard,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Bartlett,
Mr. Plummer,
Mr. James Smith,
Mr. Jenness,
Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Noyes,
Mr. Morrill,
Mr. Tibbets,
Mr. M'Crilles,
Mr. T. Clough,
Mr. Drew,
Mr. Wilson,

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YEAS.

Mr. Tilton,
Mr. A. Moody,
Mr. N. Clough,
Mr. Crosby,
Mr. J. Palmer,
Mr. C. Leavitt,
Mr. Gilman,
Mr. Greeley,
Mr. French,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Warner,
Mr. J. Barrett,
Mr. Farley,
Mr. Dinsmore,
Mr. Bixby,
Mr. P. Putnam,
Mr. E. Putnam,
Mr. Edwards,
Mr. Brooks,
Mr. Alcock,
Mr. Adams,
Mr. Bayley,
Mr. Tobie,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Stevens,

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Mr. L. Willard,
 Mr. Frink,
 Mr. Tyler,
 Mr. S. Willard,
 Mr. Hooker,
 Mr. Rand,
 Mr. J. Stevens,
 Mr. Chase,
 Mr. Grout,
 Mr. Beckwith,
 Mr. J. Moody,
 Mr. E. Hall,

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Mr. Connor,
 Mr. Pinkerton,
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Mr. Jabez Smith,
 Mr. Knox,
 Mr. Abbott,
 Mr. Godfrey,
 Mr. True,
 Mr. Gile,
 Mr. Bettan,
 Mr. Armor,
 Mr. Thompson,
 Mr. Joseph Clark,
 Mr. Palmer,
 Mr. Waldron,
 Mr. Boody,
 Mr. Harper,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Shepherd,
 Mr. Wingate,
 Mr. Boynton,
 Mr. Dow,
 Mr. Richardson,

Mr. N. Emerson,
 Mr. Morse,
 Mr. Tayntor,
 Mr. Mooney,
 Mr. Josiah Brown,
 Mr. Crawford,
 Mr. Blasdell,
 Mr. Slater,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Morey,
 Mr. Carlton,
 Mr. Curtis.

N A Y S.

Mr. Rust,
 Mr. Hodgdon,
 Mr. Jewett,
 Mr. R. Parker,
 Mr. Riddle,
 Mr. D. Emerson,
 Mr. John Smith,
 Mr. Nelmith,
 Mr. N. Clark,
 Mr. Storey,
 Mr. Gerrish,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Jackman,
 Mr. Philbrook,
 Mr. Hale,
 Mr. Thorndike,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Sparhawk,
 Mr. Lane,
 Mr. Robinson,
 Mr. Faxon,
 Mr. Griffin,
 Mr. N. Parker,

Mr.

Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Burley,
Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Porter,
Mr. Fairfield,

Mr. Bedel,
Mr. Quinby,
Mr. Rankin,
Mr. Eames.

74 yeas—55 nays: So the motion prevailed, and the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

The petition of Isaac Hubbard, was heard but the determination thereon was postponed to some future time.

The petition of the inhabitants of Stoddard was heard but no determination had thereon before adjournment.

Voted that the hearing on the petition of Jeremiah Eames which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to the first Tuesday of the next Session, and that notice be given in the same manner, and the like term of time prior to said day of hearing, as was heretofore ordered.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Voted that the Secretary be directed to send to Exeter, as soon as conveniently may be, for the laws of the United States, now in his office, that they may be forwarded to this place, and laid before the Legislature.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Faxon, Mr. A. Moore, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Bettan, Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Connor, Mr. E. Thompson and Mr. N. White, be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to draught an address from the Legislature of this State, to be presented to the President of the United States, declaring our firm reliance on the wisdom and patriotism of his administration—on the increasing firmness of our National Legislature, and of our united attachment to the constituted

tuted authorities of our country—and lay the same before this House.

Voted that Mr. Bedel, Mr. Eames and Mr. R. Parker be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to take under consideration the propriety of repealing an Act, to prevent the destruction of Salmon in Ammanosuck river, and report thereon.

The committee to consider of the petition of Samuel Gibson and others, reported that the prayer of the petition be so far granted, as that they have leave to bring in a bill at this or the next session of the General Court, authorizing them to draw their Seine on the same ground which they formerly occupied, provided it be not within two rods of the mouth of Naticook brook—which report being read and considered was received and accepted.

The committee on the petition of the proprietors of Marlow; also, on the petition of the inhabitants of Marlow, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions—which report was accepted.

The committee to inform Joseph Pearson, Esq. of his election to the office of Secretary, and Oliver Peabody, Esq. of his election to the office of Treasurer, and in case of their acceptance of said offices, to receive bonds from them reported the bonds herewith exhibited, which bonds have been read, and are fully satisfactory to this House—and voted that the bond given by the Secretary be lodged in the Treasurer's office, and the bond given by the Treasurer, be lodged with the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Voted that Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Warner, and Mr. N. Parker be a committee on the part of this House, to join such

such of the Senate, as they may appoint to take under consideration, the act intitled an Act directing the proceeding against the trustees of absconding debtors, and report such amendments as may appear to them necessary.

Resumed the consideration of the petition of the inhabitants of Stoddard, and after fully considering the same motion was made to grant the prayer of said petition, which did not prevail, it was then voted, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and it was withdrawn.

Voted that Mr. Whipple, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Jennefs be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report a bill making it the duty of towns to build and keep in repair, a sufficient number of school houses for the accommodation of the inhabitants.

Voted that Mr. D. Emerson, Mr. Rust, and Mr. Gerrish be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to present to the Governor for his approbation all such bills and resolves as may be passed the present session.

The committee on the petition of Daniel Blafdel and others, reported that the prayer of the petition be so far granted, as that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill—which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. Duncan, Mr. Jennefs and Mr. D. Emerson be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the propriety, and if they think necessary, report a

bill, giving a small bounty for the head of each crow, killed or destroyed within the State, for a limited time.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. Young, Mr. Nesmith, Mr. N. Parker and Mr. Eames be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of George Hough; also, the petition of Charles Pierce, respecting printing, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Bettan and Mr. Josiah Brown be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Josiah Sanborn, respecting the entry of an Action at the Superior Court, and report thereon.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, June 13, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Drowne, Mr. Connor, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. N. White be a committee to take under consideration the memorial of Mr. Joshua Heywood, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Bettan be a committee on the part of this House to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to consider of the petition of the inhabitants of Sharon; also of a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Sharon, and a number of the inhabitants of Peterborough, respecting annexing a part of Peterborough to Sharon, or annexing the whole of Sharon to Peterborough, and report thereon.

Voted

Voted that Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Waldron, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. J. Stevens, and Mr. Josiah Brown be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Samuel Morrison, praying that some mode may be pointed out, whereby prison keepers may be compensated for boarding prisoners in certain cases, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. French, Mr. Kimball and Mr. Bedel be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of William Robb, jun. and Andrew Poor, prisoners, in Amherst goal, who are held for their board, after taking the oath prescribed for the ease and relief of prisoners, &c. and report thereon.

The committee appointed by an act of the Legislature, passed at the last session, for establishing the line between Kingstown and East-Kingstown, reported as follows, viz.

State of New-Hampshire.

The undersigned a committee appointed by an act of the legislature of this State, a copy of which is herewith exhibited, have agreeably to their directions duly notified the towns of Kingstown and East-Kingstown, viewed the premises and heard the parties with their allegations, and have agreed to report, that considering all circumstances the line herein after described will be the most proper to divide the said towns, viz. Beginning at Newtown line and running north through or across the center or middle of a line drawn from the meeting house in Kingstown to the meeting house in East Kingstown, being the same line established by an act of the legislature in the year of our Lord 1740; and so continuing north until it comes within the distance of one mile and eighty rods of Brentwood line, thence to turn off and

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run straight to Exeter line at a place three quarters of a mile distant westerly from Kensington corner ;—provided however that Peter Sanborn, Esq. with such of his estate as he now owns, and was formerly polled into Kingstown, be considered as belonging to said Kingstown during the natural life of said Sanborn ; and that such estate of Col. Ebenezer Stevens as lays in East-Kingstown, and was formerly polled into Kingstown, be considered as belonging to Kingstown during the natural life of said Stevens.

Witness our hands at Kingstown the 20th of April 1798.

EBENEZER THOMPSON,
ROBERT WALLACE,
JAMES SHEAFE.

Which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Samuel Furber and others, inhabitants of Rochester, and the report of a committee thereon, voted that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session, and that the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Rochester be served with a copy of the petition and order of court thereon twelve weeks prior to said day of hearing, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Voted that Mr. A. Moore, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Connor be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration a bill to incorporate Rufus Graves and others for the purpose of building a bridge, and report thereon.

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The committee on the petition of Richard Kimball and others, reported that though the Baptist society in Salem appears respectable, yet being too small to support a preacher of the gospel, it is not expedient at this time to grant them an incorporation, which report being read and considered, was accepted.

Voted that Mr. T. Leavitt; Mr. Warner and Mr. Pierce be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of that part of his Excellency's address respecting the situation of artillery companies in this State, and also the expediency of purchasing such artillery as may be necessary for the companies where there is a deficiency, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Jonathan Palmer, Mr. Abbot and Mr. Connor be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of that part of his Excellency's address relative to fortifying such places in the harbour of Portsmouth as are not included in the cession of this State to the United States, and report thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions; several petitions were heard, but no determination had before adjournment.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

Proceeded to a consideration of the petitions which were heard before adjournment.

Upon fully considering the petition of Samuel Winkley,

ley, jun. praying to be restored to his law in a certain action, voted that the petition be dismissed.

A bill suspending in certain cases the operation of an act, entitled, "an act for the limitation of actions and for preventing vexatious suits," passed the sixteenth day of June 1791. on the third reading of said bill, motion was made that it pass to be enacted, on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

Y E A S.

Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Drowne,
Mr. N. White,
Mr. Connor,
Mr. Pinkerton,
Mr. W. White,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Weeks,
Mr. Parsons,
Mr. T. Leavitt,
Mr. Whipple,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Joseph Brown,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Jabez Smith,
Mr. Plummer,
Mr. James Smith,
Mr. Jenness,
Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Noyes,
Mr. Jona. Clark,
Mr. Morrill,
Mr. Tibbetts,
Mr. M'Crilles,
Mr. T. Clough,
Mr. Knox,

Y E A S.

Mr. Drew,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Godfrey,
Mr. Tilton,
Mr. True,
Mr. Gile,
Mr. Betton,
Mr. Armor,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Carr,
Mr. Joseph Clark,
Mr. W. Palmer,
Mr. Boody,
Mr. Harper,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. N. Clough,
Mr. Wingate,
Mr. Boynton,
Mr. Crosby,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Rust,
Mr. Hodgdon,
Mr. Jewett,
Mr. J. Palmer,
Mr. C. Leavitt,

Mr.

Mr. O. Hall,
 Mr. R. Parker,
 Mr. French,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Ridale,
 Mr. M'Gregore,
 Mr. D. Emerson,
 Mr. Warner,
 Mr. J. Barrett,
 Mr. Farley,
 Mr. C. Barrett,
 Mr. Dinsmore,
 Mr. P. Putnam,
 Mr. E. Putnam,
 Mr. Edwards,
 Mr. John Smith,
 Mr. Brooks,
 Mr. Nesmith,
 Mr. Alcock,
 Mr. Adams,
 Mr. Bayley,
 Mr. Tobie,

N A Y S.

Mr. Barnard,
 Mr. Joseph Young,
 Mr. Greeley,
 Mr. Bixby,
 Mr. Pierce,
 Mr. N. Clark,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Stevens,
 Mr. M. Hale,
 Mr. S. Smith,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Rand,
 Mr. Sparhawk,

Mr. Storey,
 Mr. Gale,
 Mr. Jackson,
 Mr. Philbrook,
 Mr. L. Willard,
 Mr. Hooker,
 Mr. Chase,
 Mr. Robinson,
 Mr. N. Emerson,
 Mr. Morse,
 Mr. Griffin,
 Mr. Frink,
 Mr. Tyler,
 Mr. Thorndike,
 Mr. S. Willard,
 Mr. Tayntor,
 Mr. Duncan,
 Mr. Johnson,
 Mr. Carlton,
 Mr. Quinby,
 Mr. Eames.

N A Y S.

Mr. Lane,
 Mr. Beckwith,
 Mr. J. Moody,
 Mr. E. Hall,
 Mr. Faxon,
 Mr. N. Parker,
 Mr. Kimball,
 Mr. Mooney,
 Mr. Crawford,
 Mr. Burley,
 Mr. Slade,
 Mr. Porter,
 Mr. Fairfield,

Mr.

Mr. Bedel,
Mr. Morey,

Mr. Rankin,
Mr. Curtis.

97 yeas—30 nays : So it passed to be enacted.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Springfield, reported in favour of a day of hearing, which report was not accepted, it was then voted that the further consideration of said petition be postponed until the next session.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and considering the petition of Asa Eastman and others, praying for the liberty of laying a tax on all the lands in Chatham of two cents and an half per acre, voted that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, taking care in said bill to exempt the lands owned by Doct. Langdon and Jonathan Warner, Esq.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. Jewett, Mr. French, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Blasdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration and report in what manner the accounts between this State and Andrew M'Millan, John M'Duffee and Edwards Bucknam, Esquires, a committee for laying out and making roads, &c. shall be adjusted and settled.

Resolved that the Commissary General be directed to lay before the Legislature on the second Wednesday of the next session a particular statement of all the small

arms and ordnance, and of all warlike, military and ordnance stores belonging to the State of New Hampshire.

The committee to consider of the petition of George Hough and of the petition of Charles Pierce respecting printing, reported that it will not be expedient at this time to make any new arrangement respecting the State printing—which report being read and considered, motion was made to accept the same, on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

Y E A S.

Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Drowne,
Mr. Connor,
Mr. Pinkerton,
Mr. W. White,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Weeks,
Mr. T. Leavitt,
Mr. Whipple,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Joseph Brown,
Mr. Bartlett,
Mr. Jabez Smith,
Mr. James Smith,
Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Jona. Clark,
Mr. Godfrey,
Mr. Tilton,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Carr,
Mr. Joseph Clark,
Mr. W. Palmer,

Y E A S.

Mr. I. Waldron,
Mr. Boody,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Wingate,
Mr. Boynton,
Mr. Crosby,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Rust,
Mr. Hoegdon,
Mr. Jewett,
Mr. J. Palmer,
Mr. C. Leavitt,
Mr. O. Hall,
Mr. D. Emerson,
Mr. Warner,
Mr. C. Barrett,
Mr. John Smith,
Mr. Nesmith,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Griffin,
Mr. N. Parker.

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N A Y S.

Mr. Barnard,
 Mr. Goodwin,
 Mr. Plummer,
 Mr. Jennefs,
 Mr. Noyes,
 Mr. Morrill,
 Mr. Tibbets,
 Mr. M'Crilles,
 Mr. T. Clough,
 Mr. Knox,
 Mr. Drew,
 Mr. Abbott,
 Mr. Willson,
 Mr. True,
 Mr. Gile,
 Mr. Bettan,
 Mr. Armor,
 Mr. Harper,
 Mr. Dow,
 Mr. Gilman,
 Mr. Greeley,
 Mr. R. Parker,
 Mr. French,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Riddle,
 Mr. Macgregore,
 Mr. J. Barrett,
 Mr. Farley,
 Mr. Dinsmore,
 Mr. Bixby,
 Mr. P. Putnam,
 Mr. E. Putnam,
 Mr. Edwards,
 Mr. Brooks,
 Mr. Adams,
 Mr. Pierce,
 Mr. N. Clark,
 Mr. Bayley,

N A Y S.

Mr. Tobie,
 Mr. Storey,
 Mr. Gale,
 Mr. Gerrish,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Jackman,
 Mr. Philbrook,
 Mr. S. S. evens,
 Mr. Hale,
 Mr. L. Willard,
 Mr. Frink,
 Mr. Tyler,
 Mr. Thorndike,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. S. Willard,
 Mr. Rand,
 Mr. Sparhawk,
 Mr. J. Stevens,
 Mr. Chase,
 Mr. Lane,
 Mr. Beckwith,
 Mr. J. Moodey,
 Mr. E. Hall,
 Mr. Robinson,
 Mr. N. Emerson,
 Mr. Faxon,
 Mr. Tayntor,
 Mr. Kimball,
 Mr. Duncan,
 Mr. Mooney,
 Mr. Josiah Brown,
 Mr. Crawford,
 Mr. Burley,
 Mr. Johnson,
 Mr. Blafsdell,
 Mr. Slade,
 Mr. Porter,
 Mr. Fairfield,
 Mr.

Mr. Bedel,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Morey,
Mr. Carlton,

Mr. Quinby,
Mr. Rankin,
Mr. Eames,
Mr. Curtis.

45 yeas—84 nays so the motion did not prevail.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, June 14, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOLED that Mr. Moore, Mr. Warner and Mr. John Smith be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency John Taylor Gilman, and request a copy of the return of all the goods, stores, provisions, ammunition, cannon, with their appendages, and all small arms, with their accoutrements made to him, by the Commissary General, within three months last past.

The committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Sharon, and of the petition of some of the inhabitants of Sharon and Peterborough, reported in favor of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that the petitioners be heard on said petitions, before the General Court, on the first Tuesday of the next Session, and that the selectmen of Sharon, cause that the selectmen of Peterborough and Temple, be served with a copy of the petitions and order of court thereon, ten weeks prior to said day of hearing; also, cause that a copy of said petitions and order, be posted up in some public place, in the town of Sharon, the like term of time prior to said hearing ;
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that any person or persons may then appear, and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the one or the other of said petitions may not be granted.

The committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Allenstown, and of some of the inhabitants of Pembrooke, reported in favour of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that the petitioners be heard on said petitions before the General Court on the first Tuesday of their next session, and that the selectmen of Allenstown cause that the selectmen of Pembrooke be served with a copy of said petitions and order of Court thereon, within fifteen days from the date hereof, that they may appear on said day of hearing, and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer of said petitions may not be granted.

The committee on the petition of Nathaniel Hubbard Dodge, reported in favour of a day of hearing, whereupon voted, that the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session, and that the petitioner cause that Nathaniel Healey, Esq. be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, six weeks prior to said day of hearing, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Voted that Mr. Gerrish, Mr. T. Leavitt, and Mr. Eames be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Jabez Parsons and Chauncey Curtis; also, of the petition of the selectmen, and other inhabitants of Cockburne; also, the petition of Wales Gore, respecting public roads, and report thereon.

The committee on the petition of Salah Howe, reported in favour of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that

that the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General Court, on the first Tuesday of the next Session, and that the petitioner cause that a copy of the petition and order, be posted up in two of the most public places in the town of Littleton, also published in the Eagle, or Dartmouth Centinel, twelve weeks, prior to said day of hearing, that any person or persons may then appear, and shew cause; if any they have, why the prayer there- of may not be granted.

Voted that Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. Jonathan Palmer and Mr. Isaac Waldron, be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to consider of the petition of John Sanborn, and report thereon.

A bill for altering the time of holding the annual town meeting, in the town of Ossipee, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Langdon and Mr. N. Parker, be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to report by whom, and where the stites printing shall be done the prelent year.

Voted that Mr. Isaac Waldron, Mr. Josiah Stevens and Mr. Warner be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Col. Edwards Bucknam, and others, officers of the 24th and 13th regiments—respecting making alterations in the arrangement of said regiments, and report thereon.

The committee to consider of the propriety of repealing an Act to prevent the destruction of Salmon in Am-

manoosuck river, reported, that the Act to prevent the destruction of Salmon, in Ammanoosuck river ought to be repealed, which report being read and considered, voted that it be received and accepted, and that a bill be brought in accordingly.

The committee on the petition of Ebenezer Eaton and others, reported in favour of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General Court on the second Wednesday of the next session, and that the petitioners cause that the substance of said petition and order of Court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette, commencing six weeks prior to said day of hearing, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

The committee on the petition of Ann Stewart, reported that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, which report being read and considered, voted that it be received and accepted.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

A petition from Moses Davis respecting printing was read and referred to the committee for reporting by whom the States printing shall be done the present year.

The committee to draught an answer to his Excellency's address reported as follows :

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May it please your Excellency,

The House of Representatives with sincere pleasure congratulate you on the unanimity of the suffrages of a free and independent people who have again called you to preside over their interests, and exercise the powers of the most important office in their disposal.

Alarming as the situation of our national affairs appear, 'tis with great satisfaction, we find that the government of the United States have adopted and pursued every fair and honorable measure which sound policy and an inviolable attachment to the interests of our country required. And that they have steadily persevered in means well calculated to obtain a fair and amicable adjustment of existing differences with the French republic.

From the distinguished character of our envoys, the liberal and accommodating views of our government, we indulged the pleasing hope that their embassy would prove successful, and that the French nation from a sense of justice would make compensation for the unprovoked injuries done to our citizens. But 'tis with regret and indignation we find that republic wantonly destroying our commerce, insulting our government, treating our ambassadors with scorn and contempt, and insidiously endeavouring to weaken and destroy the confidence of our citizens in the constituted authorities of our country. Although we believe that the blessings of honorable peace are worthy of great sacrifices, yet even peace purchased with the loss of our liberty and independence is a greater evil than war.

The unanimity and harmony, the firm, yet steady attachment of the citizens of the United States in general, and of this State in particular to the government of their choice, will be a strong and never failing resource in every event.

And

And whatever disagreeable consequences may result from the present unfortunate state of things, we are ready to co operate with you and with the general government in every measure, which shall effectually guard, secure and defend our invaluable rights and privileges.

The defence of the harbour at Portsmouth merits and shall receive that prompt attention which its importance requires.

The state of our finances and of our militia are objects of too much consequence to be neglected by the Representatives of an enlightened and vigilant people.

And be assured sir, that we fully confide in your wisdom and integrity, and promptness, to concur with us in every measure calculated to promote the public good.

Which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Connor, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Betton, Mr. Blafdel, Mr. Pinkertan and Mr. R. Parker be a committee to present to his Excellency the Governor the answer to his address.

The committee on the petition of Josiah Sanborn, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, but the report was not accepted, motion was then made the prayer of said petition be granted, which motion prevailed, and the petitioner hath leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

The committee to report in what manner the two hundred copies of Turnbull's description of the Philadelphia

delphia prison shall be distributed, reported that one copy be delivered to each member of the Executive and Legislative branches, and one copy to each Judge of the Superior Court, and of the courts of Common Pleas, and one to each Judge of Probate and Sheriffs, which report being read and considered, voted that it be received and accepted.

The committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Sullivan praying for the liberty of sending a Representative to the General Court, reported that the prayer thereof be granted, which report being read and considered, voted that it be received and accepted, and that they have leave to send a Representative accordingly.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, June 15, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL to settle the boundaries between Kingstown and East Kingstown, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Moore, Mr. Duncan and Mr. D. Emerson be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration a bill to enable the proprietors of libraries to manage the same, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Pierce, Mr. N. Parker and Mr. Blasdell be a committee on the part

part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what allowance shall be made to the members of the hon. Council, Senate and House of Representatives and their officers, for travel and attendance the present session; also what business is yet necessary to be attended to, when this court may adjourn, and at what place the next session of the General Court shall be holden.

The committee on the petition of Jennet Brown, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition, which report was accepted.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Blasdell and Mr. Mooney be a committee to take under consideration a bill for raising a tax on the lands in Lincoln, for making passable a road through said Lincoln, and report thereon.

The following vote came down from the Senate for concurrence,

IN SENATE, June 15, 1798.

Voted that Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hoit be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join with such of the House of Representatives as they may appoint, to take into consideration the expediency of proceeding to the choice of a Senator, the present session; to represent this State, in the Senate of the United States, and report thereon, which vote was read and concurred, and Mr. Bettan, Mr. Connor, Mr. Macgregore, Mr. John Smith and Mr. Blasdell appointed.

Voted that Mr. Hale, Mr. Moore and Mr. Boynton be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint to take into consid-

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eration an Act of this State, entitled an Act relative to strays and lost goods, and report such alterations and amendments as they may think proper.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly,

A bill to empower the Representatives chosen, to represent the several towns and districts in the county of Grafton, in General Court, the present year, to grant a tax for said county, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Resolved that the account of Joseph Towne amounting to forty-nine dollars and fifty cents, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury.

Resolved that the account of John Goddard, Esq. amounting to ten dollars, be allowed, and paid out of the Treasury.

The committee on the petition of Jabez Parsons and Chauncy Curtis, also the petition of the selectmen and other inhabitants of Cockburne, and also, the petition from Wales Gore, reported in favour of a day of hearing, whereupon voted, that the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General Court on the second Wednesday of the next Session, and that the petitioners cause that the substance of said petitions and order of Court be published in the New-Hampshire Gazette, three weeks successively, commencing six weeks prior to said day of hearing, also cause that a copy of said petitions and order of Court be posted up in some public place in the towns of Cockburne, Colebrook, Stuart and Wales Location, the like term of time prior to said hearing, that any person

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or persons, may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Blafdel be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration a bill to alter one of the terms of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Grafton, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary, respecting altering said term in said county, and in any other county.

The committee to take into consideration and report in what manner the accounts between this State, and Andrew M'Millan, John M'Duffee and Edwards Buckman, Esquires, a committee for laying out and making roads, &c. shall be adjusted and settled—Reported that the Attorney General be directed to institute a suit against the said M'Millan, and others, to account for the proceeds of the sales of the land by them sold, by virtue of an Act, intituled an act for altering, repairing and making fit for carts and waggons the road from the town of Conway, to the Upper Coofs, &c. passed September 22, 1786, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Sparkaw and Mr. Bestan be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the account of Luther Eames, Inspector of Brigade, and report thereon.

A Bill authorizing the Hon. John Lowell, to convey certain lands, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee on the petition of Ephraim Root and Phebe Root, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition—which report was accepted.

Voted that Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Connor and Mr. N. Parker be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Thomas Simpson, Esq. respecting a demand against the State, and report thereon.

Upon reading and considering the petition of Obed Hall, in behalf of the inhabitants of Chatham, praying that a tax of two cents and an half, may be laid on all the lands in Chatham, public rights excepted, voted that the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the second Wednesday of the next session, and that he cause that the substance of the petition and order of court thereon be published three weeks successively in the New-Hampshire Gazette, commencing six weeks prior to said day of hearing, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, June 16, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE committee to draught an address from the legislature of this State to be presented to the President of the United States, reported the following :

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To

To the President of the United States.

SIR,

At a time when the American nation is on the point of being drawn into the vortex of European war, we flatter ourselves that an address from the legislature of New Hampshire will not be unacceptable.

Permit us, sir, to express our entire satisfaction in the wisdom and energy of your administration, and that of your predecessors—The unremitting perseverance which has marked your endeavours to adjust and settle our disputes with France, displays in the strongest colours, your desires of peace.

Although the political situation of this country is distressing and alarming, yet, no measures on your part have been wanting that could honorably render it otherwise.

We consider the instructions given our Envoys as sufficient and ample for every purpose of honorable and equitable negotiation. We feel the indignity which has been offered them; we feel with resentment the wrongs and injuries done our commerce by French depredation.

A firm request and dignified demand have not procured us redress, and, we add with regret that we fear the apparent disposition of the government of France, renders further negotiation unnecessary.

We do not tax ourselves with ingratitude to the French nation—that debt which we contracted under the Monarchy of France, we anticipated and paid to the Executive government of that country—And it will always be recollected that we were the first nation to acknowledge the Republic of France.

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It is with pleasure, we contemplate the encreasing firmness of our National Legislature.

By union, our independence can be maintained—by division it is lost forever—to divide and conquer has been (we are sensible) too often successfully practiced, to the destruction of governments and nations, but, we are happy to assure you that the opposition in the State of New-Hampshire to the administration of the Federal government is much too contemptible to merit the name of division.

Although we deprecate the evils and scourges of war, yet, Sir, we more sensibly feel the insults offered the dignity of our country. Our Independence was won and established by the blood and fatigues of the brave; it is a boon which we will never sacrifice at the shrine of foreign rapacious ambition. If declining Rome, bought her peace of the ancient Gauls with money—yet we shall never give our consent to pay a disgraceful tribute to Gauls more modern.

When our country call, our war-worn soldiers and the hardy youth of our hills, at the first sound of the clarion of danger will cheerfully and unitedly rally around the standard of independence and defend it with their blood.

The disorganizer may seek protection under the colours of France, but as for us and our constituents we will shelter ourselves under the wings of the American Eagle.

Accept sir, our united declarations to support and defend the constituted authorities of our country with our lives and fortunes.

Accept our warmest wishes for your personal welfare and happiness, long may you continue to watch over the safety of the community.

Which report being read and considered, motion was made to accept the same, on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

Y E A S.

Mr. N. White,
Mr. Connor,
Mr. Prentice,
Mr. Pinkerton,
Mr. W. White,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Weeks,
Mr. Parsons,
Mr. T. Leavitt,
Mr. Whipple,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Joseph Brown,
Mr. Barnard,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Jabez Smith,
Mr. Plummer,
Mr. James Smith,
Mr. Jenncks,
Mr. Noyes,
Mr. Jona. Clark,
Mr. Morrill,
Mr. Tibbetts,
Mr. M'Crilles,
Mr. T. Clough,
Mr. Knox,
Mr. Drew,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wilson,

Y E A S.

Mr. J. Barrett,
Mr. Farley,
Mr. C. Barrett,
Mr. Dinsmore,
Mr. Bixby,
Mr. P. Putnam,
Mr. E. Putnam,
Mr. Edwards,
Mr. John Smith,
Mr. Brooks,
Mr. Nesmith,
Mr. Alcock,
Mr. Adams,
Mr. Pierce,
Mr. N. Clark,
Mr. Bayley,
Mr. Tobie,
Mr. Storey,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Gerrish,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Jackman,
Mr. Philbrook,
Mr. S. Stevens,
Mr. Hale,
Mr. L. Willard,
Mr. Frink,
Mr. Tyler,
Mr. Thorndike,

Mr.

Mr. Godfrey,
 Mr. Tilton,
 Mr. True,
 Mr. Gile,
 Mr. Betran,
 Mr. Armor,
 Mr. Moodye,
 Mr. J. Waldron,
 Mr. E. Thompson,
 Mr. Carr,
 Mr. Joseph Clark,
 Mr. W. Palmer,
 Mr. I. Waldron,
 Mr. Boody,
 Mr. Harper,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Shepherd,
 Mr. N. Clough,
 Mr. Wingate,
 Mr. Boynton,
 Mr. Dow,
 Mr. Crosby,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Rust,
 Mr. Hodgdon,
 Mr. Jewett,
 Mr. J. Palmer,
 Mr. C. Leavitt,
 Mr. O. Hall,
 Mr. Gilman,
 Mr. Greeley,
 Mr. R. Parker,
 Mr. French,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Riddle,
 Mr. M'Gregore,
 Mr. D. Emerson,
 Mr. Warner,

Mr. S. Smith,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. S. Willard,
 Mr. Hooker,
 Mr. Rand,
 Mr. Sparhawk,
 Mr. J. Stevens,
 Mr. Chase,
 Mr. Lane,
 Mr. Grout,
 Mr. Beckwith,
 Mr. J. Moodye,
 Mr. E. Hall,
 Mr. Robinson,
 Mr. N. Emerson,
 Mr. Faxon,
 Mr. Morse,
 Mr. Griffin,
 Mr. Tayntor,
 Mr. N. Parker,
 Mr. Kimball,
 Mr. Duncan,
 Mr. Mooney,
 Mr. Josiah Brown,
 Mr. Crawford,
 Mr. Burley,
 Mr. Johnson,
 Mr. Blasdell,
 Mr. Slade,
 Mr. Porter,
 Mr. Fairfield,
 Mr. Bedel,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Carlton,
 Mr. Quinby,
 Mr. Rankin,
 Mr. Eames,
 Mr. Curtis.

N A Y S.

Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Drowne,

N A Y S.

Mr. Bartlett,
Mr. Sanborn.

Yeas 134, Nays 4.

Voted that his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit the address to the President of the United States.

Information was given that the Senate had not concurred the vote directing the Attorney General to institute a suit against Andrew M'Millan, Esq. and others, and the following vote came down from the Senate for concurrence :

IN SENATE, June 16, 1798.

Voted that Mr. Flanders and Mr. Fogg be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the House of Representatives as they may appoint, to nominate ten persons of the legislature, of whom five to be chosen to examine, adjust and finally settle the accounts between Andrew M'Millan, Esq. and others, a committee appointed to lay out and make roads, &c. and this State—And to take of said M'Millan and others, sufficient obligations for the payment of such sum as may be found due from them to the State (if any) upon a final settlement of said accounts, and reported by said committee that shall be appointed to settle the same.

Which vote was read and non-concurred.

Voted that Mr. Thompson, Mr. Harper, Mr. Lane, Mr. Knox and Mr. Storey be a committee on the part of this House, to confer with such of the Senate, as they may appoint, on the subject matter of the demand of this State, against Andrew M'Millan, Esq. and others a road committee, and report.

A bill in addition to an act, intituled, "an act for arranging the militia of this State into divisions," passed Dec. 27, 1792, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee on the account of Luther Eames, reported that he be allowed ninety-nine dollars in full for his account, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and a resolve for payment passed accordingly.

Voted that Mr. Abbott, Mr. C. Barrett and Mr. Joseph Clark be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Ezekiel James and others, inhabitants of Eaton and Burton, respecting town lines, and report thereon.

The committee to report by whom and where the State's printing shall be done the present year, reported that the consideration of the printing be postponed 'till the next session of the General Court, which report was accepted.

The committee on the petition of Thomas Simpson, Esq. reported that he have leave to withdraw his petition, which report was accepted.

Voted that Mr. Rand, Mr. Kimball and Mr. Hooker be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the rates of toll in a bill incorporating Rufus Graves and others, for the purpose of building a bridge, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. P. Putnam and Mr. D. Emerson be a committee on the part of this House, to join

join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to take in-
to consideration a bill for allowing a bounty for killing
Crows, and report such alterations and amendments as
they may judge necessary.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 18, 1798.

The house met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Bettan, Mr. W. Palmer and Mr.
Kimball be a committee on the part of this House,
to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to con-
sider of the petition of William Page, Esq. respecting
the toll on the canal at Bellows's falls, and report
thereon.

Voted that Mr. Moore, Mr. Warner and Mr. Pierce
be a committee on the part of this House, to join such
of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the
petition of the selectmen of Campbel's Gore, praying
for an incorporation, and report thereon.

A bill to repeal an act, intituled, "an act for the
preservation of Salmon in Ammonoosuck river," passed
June 22, 1786, having had three several readings, pass-
ed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Abbott and Mr. O.
Hall be a committee on the part of this House, to join
such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of
the petition of Jeremiah Eames, and report thereon.

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The committee to report what allowance shall be made to the members of the Hon. Council, Senate and House of Representatives and their officers, reported that the allowance to the members of the Hon. Council, Senate and House of Representatives and their officers for travel and attendance, be the same as at the last session, that the business before the Court be completed, and that they adjourn on Wednesday next to meet again on the third Wednesday of December next, at Concord— which report being read, was divided, and that part which respects the allowance to the members, &c. was first taken up and acted upon, on which the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

Y E A S.

Mr. Langdon,
 M Drowne,
 Mr. N White,
 Mr. Connor,
 Mr. Prentice,
 Mr. Pickering,
 Mr. Weeks,
 Mr. Parsons,
 Mr. T. Leavitt,
 Mr. Whipple,
 Mr. Rollins,
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Mr. Goodwin,
 Mr. Bartlett,
 Mr. Jabez Smith,
 Mr. Plummer,
 Mr. James Smith,
 Mr. Sanborn,
 Mr. Noyes,
 Mr. Jona. Clark,
 Mr. Tibbets,
 Mr. M'Crilles,

Y E A S.

Mr. Abbott,
 Mr. Bettan,
 Mr. Thompson,
 Mr. Carr,
 Mr. Joseph Clark,
 Mr. W. Palmer,
 Mr. Waldron,
 Mr. Boody,
 Mr. Harper,
 Mr. N. Clough,
 Mr. Wingate,
 Mr. Boynton,
 Mr. Dow,
 Mr. Crosby,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Rust,
 Mr. Hodgdon,
 Mr. Jewett,
 Mr. J. Palmer,
 Mr. C. Leavitt,
 Mr. O. Hall,
 Mr. Gilman,

Mr

Mr. Greeley,
 Mr. R. Parker,
 Mr. French,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Warner,
 Mr. J. Barrett,
 Mr. Farley,
 Mr. C. Barrett,
 Mr. Dinsmore,
 Mr. E. Putnam,
 Mr. Edwards,
 Mr. John Smith,
 Mr. Brooks,
 Mr. Nesmith,
 Mr. Alcock,
 Mr. N. Clark,
 Mr. Storey,
 Mr. Jackson,
 Mr. S. Stevens,
 Mr. Hale,
 Mr. L. Willard,
 Mr. Frink,
 Mr. Tyler,

N A Y S.

Mr. E. Brown,
 Mr. Barnard,
 Mr. Morrill,
 Mr. T. Clough,
 Mr. Knox,
 Mr. Drew,
 Mr. Wilton,
 Mr. Godfrey,
 Mr. Tilton,
 Mr. True,
 Mr. Gile,
 Mr. A. Moody,

Mr. Thorndike,
 Mr. S. Smith,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. S. Willard,
 Mr. Hooker,
 Mr. J. Stevens,
 Mr. Chase,
 Mr. Lane,
 Mr. Grout,
 Mr. J. Moodey,
 Mr. E. Hall,
 Mr. Robinson,
 Mr. N. Emerson,
 Mr. Tayntor,
 Mr. N. Parker,
 Mr. Duncan,
 Mr. Josiah Brown,
 Mr. Crawford,
 Mr. Bedel,
 Mr. Ruffell,
 Mr. Rankin,
 Mr. Eames,
 Mr. Curtis.

N A Y S.

Mr. J. Waldron,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Shepherd,
 Mr. Riddle,
 Mr. Bixby,
 Mr. Adams,
 Mr. Bayley,
 Mr. Tobie,
 Mr. Gale,
 Mr. Gerrish,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Philbrook,

Mr.

Mr. Rand,
Mr. Sparhawk,
Mr. Beckwith,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Griffin,
Mr. Kimball,

Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Bladell,
Mr. Slade,
Mr. Porter,
Mr. Fairfield.

90 yeas—36 nays—so that part of the report was accepted.

They then took under consideration that part which respects meeting again on the third Wednesday in December next, which part was not accepted—It was then voted that they meet again on the third Wednesday of November, and that they meet at Concord.

A bill to give a new trial to Josiah Sanborn in a certain action, commenced against him by Samuel Holland which hath been tried and judgment entered thereon by action of review some time since held in the county of Grafton within this State, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Jona. Palmer, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Fairfield be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to report to whom and in what way and manner the laws of the United States belonging to this State shall be distributed.

Voted that Mr. Kimball, Mr. Whipple and Mr. Crawford be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to take under consideration an act regulating scale beams, steelyards, weights and measures, and report thereon.

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The committee appointed at the last session to settle the accounts between this State and the Treasurer thereof, and report at the next session their proceedings, together with the state of the treasury, reported in the following words, viz.

State of New-Hampshire.

Exeter, May 10, 1798.

Pursuant to a vote of the General Court passed at Portsmouth, Dec. 19, 1797, appointing us a committee to settle the accounts between this State and the Treasurer thereof, and report at the next session our proceedings, together with the state of the treasury. We report that we have carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts from April 20, 1797, the date of the last settlement to April 20, 1798, and have received of him as follows, viz.

An account of stock in the funds amounting to *two hundred thirty-nine thousand five hundred and three dollars forty five cents*, discharged by specie account for reimbursements on 6 per cent stock to April 1, 1798, *two thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars sixteen cents*; and by stock on hand *two hundred thirty seven thousand and fifty-two dollars twenty-nine cents*.

An account for interest on funded stock amounting to *10776 dollars and one cent*, accounted for by account of stock in the funds *2451 dollars 16 cents*, and by specie account *8324 dollars 85 cents*.

An account of excise bonds amounting to *£582 9 8*, discharged by specie account *£229 10 8*, and by sundry bonds on hand for the balance being *£352 19/*.

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An account for impost bonds amounting to £88 17/10 discharged by specie account for £14 9 2. and by bonds on hand for £74 8 8.

An account of interest received on Mosonian bonds amounting to £1083 15 3 accounted for by specie account for £379 6 3 the value thereof at 7% on the pound.

An account of state notes and certificates amounting to £1923 8 10 discharged by state notes, orders for state notes and interest thereon, and certificates delivered to the committee.

An account of certificates and indents amounting to £745 17 4 accounted for by indents on hand £137 7 6, abatement of tax on Cardigan £70 2 7, by specie account for £14 19, received for £42 13 10 at 7% on the pound, and by taxes outstanding £495 13 5.

An account for bills of new emission and interest paid thereon amounting to 1343 dollars 26 cents, accounted for by taxes outstanding 100 dollars 97 cents, and by bills delivered to the committee with interest 1242 dollars 29 cents.

An account for deficiency of soldiers amounting to £506 11 7 balanced by taxes outstanding for said sum.

An account for bounties paid for killing wolves 180 dollars accounted for by specie account for said sum.

An account of specie amounting to 70,623 dollars 72 cents accounted for as follows, viz. by amount paid for orders drawn by the Executive 9,048 dollars 68 cents. Sundry rolls for travel and attendance of the Council, Senate, House of Representatives and Electors 17,519 dollars

dollars 47 cents ; interest on funded stock due to sundry persons 42 dollars 59 cents ; sundry private notes amounting to 401 dollars 63 cents ; by state note and certificate account for 4808 dollars 60 cents paid for £. 1923 8 10 in state notes and certificates delivered to the committee ; paid for killing wolves 180 dollars ; by new emission account for amount paid for bills of the new emission 310 dollars 57 cents ; by specie taxes outstanding 731 dollars 96 cents ; abatement of tax on Cardigan 47 dollars 70 cents ; abatement of tax on Claremont in part 149 dollars 33 cents, and by specie said to be on hand for the balance 37,383 dollars 19 cents.

There appears to be due on rolls for travel and attendance of Representatives, &c. 141 dollars 99 cents, and to sundry persons for interest on funded stock 38 dollars 73 cents, as by abstracts made out and certified by us.

The new emission money, state notes, orders, certificates and rolls (vouchers of the several accounts above mentioned) are in the hands of your committee.

From the above accounts and other information we are enabled to exhibit the statement hereto annexed, which, if accurate, leave a balance of *fifteen thousand one hundred and eleven dollars and four cents* in favor of the State, the several descriptions of State debts being first paid, beside which balance the annual income from the New Hampshire Bank is *eight hundred thirty two dollars*, and from the stock in the funds of the United States *ten thousand seven hundred seventy six dollars*.

The accounts are accurate and well vouched, except that your committee received no evidence that the money was actually in the treasury, presuming from the tenor of our appointment that such evidence would be expected by the Court, information was requested of

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the Treasurer in that particular, who declined giving any other than that the money should always be ready to meet the demands on the treasury.

JOHN GODDARD, }
JOSEPH CILLEY, } Committee.
Wm. PLUMMER, }

Which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Connor and Mr. Leavitt be a committee to receive from the committee who settled the Treasurer's accounts, all the papers received of the Treasurer by said committee, and to deface the orders and new emission money by punching the same, to destroy all the State notes and certificates, and lodge the new emission money and orders with the Treasurer after they are thus defaced, and report at the next session.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, June 19, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of William Page, Esq. reported that the prayer of the petitioner be so far granted that the Bellow's falls company be allowed to take for loaded boats fifty cents per ton, and for lumber fifty cents per ton, and for an empty boat twenty-five cents per ton for the term of five years, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. D. Emerson, Mr. Porter and Mr. Crawford be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the account of Henry Ranlet, and of all printers accounts that may be presented, and report thereon.

Resolved that the account of the Hon. Joseph Cilley, Esq. amounting to ten dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Resolved that the account of William Plummer, Esq. amounting to ten dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Resolved that the account of Caleb Baker and John Aldrich, selectmen of Franconia, amounting to five dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Camphel's Gore, praying for an incorporation, reported that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Resolved that the account of William Preston and Abraham Burnham, jr. selectmen of Rumney, amounting to five dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

The committee to whom was referred the bill for allowing a bounty for killing Crows, reported as their opinion that the object is worthy of the attention of the legislature,

legislature, but as the season for Crow depredation is so far passed that it would be expedient to postpone the further consideration thereof till the next session of the General Court, which report was accepted.

The committee to confer with such of the Senate, as they may appoint, on the subject matter of the demand of this State against Andrew M'Millan and others, a road committee, reported as their opinion that the most eligible mode of doing the business is by entering into a rule before a Justice of the Peace, returnable at the Superior Court—said referees to be taken from the legislative body, and that an agent or a committee be appointed to agree with said M'Millan and others, on the men who shall compose the rule, and the time when the business shall be done, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Warner, Mr. Blafden and Mr. Armor be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to agree with said M'Millan on the referees, and to nominate an agent to take the care of the business until the same is completed.

The account of John Melcher, for printing was read, and referred to the committee on printers' accounts.

The committee appointed to report to whom, and in what manner the laws of the United States, which have been sent on to this State, shall be distributed, reported that said books be distributed as follows; namely, to the Governor, Members of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives, one set each, the Secretary, Treasurer and the Solicitors of each county, one set each, and that the Secretary be requested to direct the same accordingly, as soon as may be, which report being read and considered was received and accepted.

The committee to agree with Andrew M'Millan and others, on the appointment of Referees and to nominate an agent to take the care of the business, &c. reported that they have agreed with said M'Millan and others, on the following men as referees, viz. Joseph Blanchard, William Hale and Ebenezer Thompson, Esquires—J. Blanchard, Chairman, and said committee nominate Silas Bettan, Esq. Agent, that the rule be entered into before Judge Calse, as soon as may be, and the Referees attend to the business at the next Session of the General Court, which report being read and considered, voted that it be received and accepted.

A Bill to enable the proprietors of Libraries to manage the same, having had three several readings—motion was made that it pass to be enacted—on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

Y E A S.

Mr. T. Leavitt,
Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Jabez Smith,
Mr. Noyes,
Mr. Morrill,
Mr. M'Crilles,
Mr. Knox,
Mr. Tilton,
Mr. Bettan,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Crosby,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. J. Palmer,
Mr. C. Leavitt,
Mr. R. Parker,
Mr. French,

Y E A S.

Mr. Riddle,
Mr. D. Emerson,
Mr. Warner,
Mr. J. Barrett,
Mr. Farley,
Mr. E. Putnam,
Mr. Edwards,
Mr. John Smith,
Mr. Brooks,
Mr. N. Clark,
Mr. Bayley,
Mr. Tobie,
Mr. Storey,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Jackman,
Mr. Philbrook,
Mr. Tyler,
Mr. S. Smith,

Mr.

Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Hooker,
 Mr. Rand,
 Mr. J. Stevens,
 Mr. Chase,
 Mr. Lane,
 Mr. Grout,
 Mr. Beckwith,
 Mr. E. Hall,
 Mr. N. Emerson,
 Mr. Faxon,
 Mr. Morse,
 Mr. Griffin,

Mr. Tayntor,
 Mr. Kimball,
 Mr. Josiah Brown,
 Mr. Crawford,
 Mr. Burley,
 Mr. Slade,
 Mr. Porter,
 Mr. Bedel,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Quinby,
 Mr. Rankin,
 Mr. Bames.

N A Y S.

Mr. Langdon,
 Mr. Drowne,
 Mr. N. White,
 Mr. Connor,
 Mr. Pinkerton,
 Mr. W. White,
 Mr. Pickering,
 Mr. Weeks,
 Mr. Parsons,
 Mr. Whipple,
 Mr. E. Brown,
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Mr. Plummer,
 Mr. James Smith,
 Mr. Jenness,
 Mr. Jona. Clark,
 Mr. Tibbetts,
 Mr. T. Clough,
 Mr. Drew,
 Mr. Wilson,
 Mr. Godfrey,
 Mr. True,

N A Y S.

Mr. Gile,
 Mr. Armor,
 Mr. A. Moody,
 Mr. J. Waldron,
 Mr. Carr,
 Mr. Joseph Clark,
 Mr. I. Waldron,
 Mr. Harper,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Wingate,
 Mr. Boynton,
 Mr. Dow,
 Mr. Rust,
 Mr. Hodgdon,
 Mr. Jewett,
 Mr. O. Hall,
 Mr. Gilman,
 Mr. Greeley,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. C. Barrett,
 Mr. Dinsmore,
 Mr. Bixby,

Mr.

Mr. Nesmith,
 Mr. Alcock,
 Mr. Adams,
 Mr. Pierce,
 Mr. Gerrish,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. S. Stevens,
 Mr. Hale,
 Mr. L. Willard,
 Mr. Frink,

Mr. Thorndike,
 Mr. S. Willard,
 Mr. Sparhawk,
 Mr. J. Moody,
 Mr. Robinson,
 Mr. N. Parker,
 Mr. Blafdel,
 Mr. Fairfield,
 Mr. Carleton.

61 yeas—63 nays—so the motion did not prevail.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The committee to consider of Printers' accounts, reported that the account of Henry Ranlet, amounting to four pounds, thirteen shillings, be allowed, and paid out of the treasury—which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and a resolve passed accordingly. They also report that the account of John Melcher, amounting to one hundred and eighty-three dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury—which report was accepted, and a resolve passed accordingly.

The committee on the petition of Ezekiel James, and others inhabitants of Eaton, and Burton, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition—which report was accepted.

A bill allowing the Bellow's Fall Company to take higher rates of toll than heretofore allowed, in a certain act passed in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, entitled an Act securing

to William Page and Lewis R. Morris, and their associates, their heirs and assigns forever, the exclusive right of locking Bellows's Falls on Connecticut river, for a limited time, herein after mentioned—having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill to postpone the operation of an Act entitled an Act to regulate scale beams, steel yards, weights and measures, passed the 12th day of December, 1797, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Resolved that the account of Nathaniel Weare, Esq. amounting to five dollars, be allowed, and paid out of the treasury.

A bill to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the Social Library Company in Richmond, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill for raising a tax on the lands, and for making a road through the town of Lincoln—having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Resolved that the account of George Hough, amounting to four dollars forty-four cents and an half, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Resolved that the account of John Calfe, amounting to thirty three dollars and seventeen cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

The committee to wait on his Excellency John T. Gilman and request a copy of the return of all military stores, &c. made by the Commissary General, within

three months last past, reported that it is adviseable to postpone waiting on his Excellency, till the next Session of the General Court, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Resolved that the account of Nathaniel Parker, amounting to twelve dollars and eighty-four cents be allowed and paid out of the Treasury.

Resolved that the account of Robert B. Wilkins, amounting to twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Resolved that the account of Stephen Blanchard, amounting to seven dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Resolved that the account of Enos Hunt, amounting to twenty six dollars and twenty-five cents, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury.

The committee on the petition of John Sanborn, reported that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly at this or the next Session, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

The committee to consider of the memorial of Mr. Joshua Heywood, reported that Mr. Heywood have liberty to withdraw his memorial—which report was accepted.

The committee to take into consideration that part of his Excellency's address, relative to fortifying such places in the harbour of Portsmouth, not included in the cession of this State to the United States, having reported.

Resolved

Resolved that his Excellency the Governor be requested to obtain information from the Secretary at War, what measures the government of the United States propose to take respecting the fortifying the harbour at Portsmouth, in this State, and if it shall appear to him that further measures shall be necessary for the security of said harbour, that he be, and he hereby is authorized to expend a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars for fortifying said harbour, and that he take order on the Treasury for said sum.

His Excellency the Governor communicated the following statement, made to him by the Treasurer, of the state of the treasury.

Hopkinton, June 8th, 1798.

SIR,

According to the usual custom, I herewith forward to you a statement of the treasury and list of out standing taxes—I have received since the close of my accounts on the 20th of April last, 8662 dollars, in bills of the new emission exclusive of interest due on them—1029 dollars 92 cents in state notes and certificates, including interest, and have paid order to the amount of 996 dollars 54 cents—all which amount in specie to 5802 dollars 22 cents, and reduce the money on hand to 31580 dollars, 97 cents.

Having been favoured by the committee appointed to settle my accounts with a part of their report, I find it there stated "that they presumed from the tenor of their appointment that evidence of the money being actually in the treasury would be expected—That information was requested of the treasurer, who declined giving any other than that the money should be always ready to meet the demands on the treasury."—Here I must beg leave to be indulged with a few observations—When I considered

considered that I had given bonds to the State and procured respectable bondsmen of good property—That I had not only been ready, but solicitous, to discharge all demands against the State—That the request was novel—that it had in no prior instance been made—I presume, no one will think it strange that I should feel hurt by such a request.

The gentlemen composing the committee whom I respect, presumed it to be the intention of the Legislature, that they should count the money in the treasury, but such intention not appearing to me to be expressed in the vote appointing them—I did not think it proper to produce it.

It has always been my wish, and I know it to be my duty, to satisfy the Legislature, and for this purpose, I now declare that I have deposited in the New-Hampshire bank, for safe keeping, and have in my own possession, monies to the full amount due from me to the State, and that there has been no time, since I have been treasurer, when I could not have produced the money for which I was accountable.

I have the honour to be with great

respect, your Excellency's very

humble servant,

OLIVER PEABODY.

His Excellency JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN.

The

*The Statement of the Treasury of the State of
New-Hampshire, June 7, 1798.*

	<i>Dollars. Cents.</i>	
Money on hand, - - -	31580	97
Balance due on excise bonds, exclusive of interest, - - -	1176	50
Balance due on impost bonds exclusive of interest, - - -	248	11
Taxes outstanding in specie, -	731	96
Taxes outstanding in paper including the tax for deficiency of soldiers, at 7/ for 20/,	1169	29
Stock in the New-Hampshire Bank,	10400	0
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	<i>Dollars.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
Amount of State notes and interest, and certificates unpaid, - - -	11384	73
Bills of the new emission, exclusive of in- terest, - - -	55853	0
Debts due to sundry, from confiscated es- tates, and interest, orders for depre- ciation, &c. - - -	11091	5
Bill of the first emission, in 1775 amount unknown.	<hr/>	
	<i>Dollars.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
	78328	78

*Stock in the funds of the United States, in the
name of the State of New-Hampshire.*

			<i>Dollars.</i>	<i>Cents:</i>
Six per cent stock,	-	-	92777	50
Three per cent stock,	-	-	94676	53
Deferred Stock,	-	-	49598	26

Dollars. 237052 29

Treasury-Office, June 7, 1798,

Errors Excepted.

OLIVER PEABODY, Treasurer.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, June 20, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

RESOLVED that the account of Josiah Nelson, amounting to sixty-five dollars and ninety-five cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

The committee appointed to take into consideration that part of his Excellency's address, respecting the situation of the artillery companies, and the expediency of purchasing such artillery as may be thought necessary—Report as their opinion, that it is expedient that the militia of New-Hampshire, be (as soon as may be) furnished with twelve brass field-pieces, including such as are on hand, and that the Captain General be, and hereby is authorized at the expence of this State, to furnish the same, in compleat order in such way and manner as he shall think best, and that a sum not exceeding three thousand

land dollars, be appropriated for that purpose. And your committee further report that it appear to them not necessary at present to make any new arrangements respecting the companies, as the Commander in Chief, is duly authorized by law, to raise such number as he shall think most conducive to the welfare of the State.

Which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and resolved that his Excellency the Governor take order accordingly.

The following vote came down from the Senate for concurrence :

IN SENATE, June 20, 1798.

Voted that Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Hartwell and Mr. Hoit be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the House of Representatives, as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency the Governor and inform him that the business of the present session is completed, and that the legislature are now ready to be adjourned until the third Wednesday in November next, then to meet at Concord.

The Secretary came down and gave information that his Excellency the Governor with advice of Council has thought fit to adjourn the General Court to the third Wednesday in November next then to meet at Concord.

A list of votes, bills, &c. non-concurred, and laid over to the next session by the Senate.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the Baptist society in Northwood, laid over.

A bill giving Samuel Gibson and others, liberty to draw a Seine near Naticook brook, &c. laid over.

A vote for a committee to report a bill making it the duty of towns to build and keep in repair a sufficient number of school houses, non-concurred.

A vote for a committee to consider the petition of William Robb, jr. non-concurred.

A vote directing the Attorney General to institute a suit against Andrew M'Millan, Esq. and others, a road committee, non-concurred.

A vote for a committee to consider the petition of Jeremiah Eames, Esq. non-concurred.

